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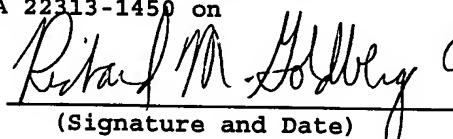
FOR : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR FILLING FOOD INTO SAUSAGE SKINS

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<u>PATENT NO.</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>DATE</u>
298 19 328	Germany	03-11-1999
298 14 532	Germany	12-17-1998

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4,419,790	Niedecker	12-13-1983

PUBLICATION

"Einziehpresse HAMAX 800," Maschinenbau Schröder KG.

Copies of the above references are enclosed.

The relevance of the references, except for the publication, is discussed in an Official Examination Report of the German Patent Office (in German), a copy of which is enclosed, along with an English language translation of the relevant portions of the Examination Report. This satisfies the requirement for a concise explanation.

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It is requested that the above-identified references be made  
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